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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: SOVIET COMPOSERS TO U.S.

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1. DISCUSSION WITH COMPOSERS UNION PROVIDED FOLLOWING
PROGRAM DETAILS PROPOSED VISIT PETROV AND KUZHAM'YAROV.

2. MAIN GOALS WOULD BE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH U.S.
CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL SCENE; MEET WITH U.S. COMPOSERS
AND MUSICOLOGISTS; VISIT MUSIC SCHOOLS, CONSERVATORIES
AND MUSIC DEPARTMENTS OF UNIVERSITIES; AND OBSERVE, IF
TIME PERMITS, SOMETHING OF U.S. RADIO BROADCASTING
IN SERIOUS MUSIC FIELD.

3. THEY WILL BRING TAPES AND SCORES OF OWN COMPOSITIONS
AND WOULD ENJOY INFORMAL MEETINGS WHERE THEY CAN
EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH U.S. COMPOSERS, PROFESSORS, ETC. AND
ILLUSTRATE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WITH EXAMPLE OF THEIR
OWN COMPOSITIONS. THEY ALSO WILL CARRY SOME ILLUSTRATIONS
OF OTHER CONTEMPORARY SOVIET MUSIC AND HOPE TO MAKE
CONTACTS WHICH WILL LEAD TO FURTHER EXCHANGES OF SOVIET
AND AMERICAN MUSIC AFTER VISIT.

4. AS FOR ANY PERFORMANCES OF THEIR WORKS AS SUGGESTED IN
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ORIGINAL AIDE MEMORIE, THEY REALIZE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS COMPLEX AND WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE FAR IN ADVANCE. THEY HOPE CONTACTS DURING VISIT MAY LEAD TO FUTURE INTEREST IN THEIR COMPOSITIONS OR OTHER SOVIET MUSIC.

5. BIOGRAPHIC AND PROFESSIONAL DETAILS POUCHED OCTOBER 2.

6. COMPOSERS UNION ASKS IF VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER. PETROV HAS TOUR IN WARSAW BEGINNING NOVEMBER 20 AND BOTH HAVE PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS IN DECEMBER AND LATER. THEY WOULD OBTAIN AIRLINE RESERVATIONS NOVEMBER 3 OR NOVEMBER 10, BUT REQUEST NOVEMBER 3 TO ALLOW PETROV FULL TWO WEEKS.

7. SOVIETS WELCOME U.S. RETURN VISIT, IN COMPOSITION AREA OF U.S. CHOICE, ARE OPEN TO PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMANCE OF NEW AMERICAN WORKS.

8. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAVE JUST PROVIDED ABOVE DETAILS AND KEEP PRESSING FOR AN EARLY DEPARTURE DATE, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ACCOMMODATE DESIRED SCHEDULE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AS IT APPARENTLY WILL BE DIFFICULT TO RE-SCHEDULE BOTH COMPOSERS IN LATER MONTH.
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